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FOR MAKING THE SAME



Group: 2879

Examiner: T. Clove

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 28, 2001

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated August 28, 2001, please enter the following amendments and comments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A thermoionic cathode, comprising:

a substrate;

an emissive layer; and

a buffer, located between said substrate and said emissive layer, said buffer inhibiting interaction of said emissive layer and said substrate by way of one of altering, blocking, and altering and blocking said substrate.

2. (Amended) The thermoionic cathode of claim 1, wherein said buffer alters said substrate by randomizing a crystallographic orientation of a grain structure at a surface of said substrate contacting said buffer.

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